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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement of June 23rd 2004 for the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before November 23, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No.502648 for the amount necessary to honor this petition, together with any additional charges that become due during the prosecution of this application. Reference No. Cura 81 CIP. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted on this 4th Day of November 2004,

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